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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 21T015812WO7	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
International application No. PCT/IT00/00380	International filing date (day/month/year) 27/09/2000	Priority date (day/month/year) 30/09/1999
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC C03C13/00		
Applicant TECHINT COMPAGNIA TECNICA INTERNAZIONALE S.P.A.		
<p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of 9 sheets.</p>		
<p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the reportII <input type="checkbox"/> PriorityIII <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicabilityIV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of inventionV <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statementVI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents citedVII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international applicationVIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application		
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**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT**

International application No. PCT/IT00/00380

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):
Description, pages:

2-14 as originally filed

1,1bis as received on 29/10/2001 with letter of 26/10/2001

Claims, No.:

1-15 as received on 29/10/2001 with letter of 26/10/2001

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
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☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
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☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
☐ the claims, Nos.:
☐ the drawings, sheets:

**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
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5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	1-15
	No:	Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	1-15
	No:	Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1-15
	No:	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations
see separate sheet

Re Item V

Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

Reference is made to the following documents:

D2: WO-A-98 43923

D3: EP-A-0 588 251

D4: Glastechnische Berichte , DE, Verlag der Deutschen Glastechnischen Gesellschaft. Frankfurt (1991), 64(1), 16-28

D5: FR-A-2 781 788

Although all of D2 - D5 disclose biodegradable glass fibre compositions comprising SiO₂, Al₂O₃, CaO, MgO, Na₂O, K₂O and B₂O₃, none of D2 - D5 teaches or fairly suggests the specific ranges for these oxides as claimed in claims 1 - 15 of the present application. The subject-matter of these claims is therefore considered new.

The compositions according to claims 1 - 15 solve the problem of providing glass fibre compositions with a good biosolubility and having good chemical, physical and mechanical properties (good humidity resistance, good workability, good heat and sound insulation properties, good elasticity and reduced brittleness) as well. This solution (the claimed compositional ranges) was not obvious having regard to the cited prior art documents. Therefore, the subject-matter of claims 1 - 15 is considered inventive.

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A GLASS FIBER COMPOSITIOND e s c r i p t i o n

5 The present invention relates to a glass fiber composition. In particular, the present invention relates to a biologically-degradable or bio-soluble glass fiber composition, adapted for production of panels and felts of glass wool. These goods are commonly used in the civil
10 and industrial field in the form of heat insulators and/or sound-proofing materials.

Presently known are many glass fiber compositions showing some biological degradability or bio-solubility
15 (solubility of a glass fiber in contact with a biological liquid). It is in fact to be recognized that the biological degradability in glass fibers was in the past and has been till now the object of many studies because a relation seems to exist between this biological
20 degradability and the cancerogenous properties that the glass fiber may show if it is introduced into or absorbed by a human or animal body.

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In particular, it has been recently ascertained that a
25 higher bio-solubility can reduce the cancerogenous effects of the glass fibers increasing the capability of the human or animal body to get rid of the possibly-absorbed fibers.

30 In addition to bio-solubility, the glass fiber compositions of industrial concern must at all events also have an appropriate behaviour with reference to properties of physical, chemical and mechanical nature, such as for example: mechanical strength, elasticity,
35 resistance to thermal fronts and chemical and atmospheric agents, workability, flexibility, fineness,

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It is known from EP 1048625 a biosoluble fiber glass composition wherein Al_2O_3 is present in a range varying from 1 to 3% in weight, K_2O is present in range varying from 0 to 3% in weight and at the same time P_2O_5 and SO_3 are not present. More in detail, in this prior art document, a reference composition named "C1" shows alumina at a 1.95% wt, potassium oxide at a 0.43% wt and sulphur oxide at a 0.32% wt; another composition retrievable in EP 1048625 (and named "C6") shows alumina at a 1.85% wt, potassium oxide at a 0.47% wt and no sulphur oxide.

Also known from WO 9843923 are some glass fiber compositions wherein silica (SiO_2) is present in a range from 66 to 69.7 mol percent, Al_2O_3 ranges from 0 to 2.2 mol percent, alkali metal oxides range from 7 to 18 mol percent, alkaline earth metal oxides range from 9 to 20 mol percent and B_2O_3 ranges from 0 to 7.1 mol percent.

Patent nr EP 0588251 shows fiber glass compositions wherein Al_2O_3 is present in a range varying from 0 to 2 mol percent and many other oxides are present (CaO , Na_2O , ZrO_2 and B_2O_3).

An extract from the publication "GLASTECHNISCHE BERICHTE, DE, VERLAG DER DEUTSCHEN GLASTECHNISCHEN GESELLSCHAFT" shows some fiber glass compositions, as well, each of them being characterized by specific ranges relative to the various chemical species.

Finally, it is known from FR 2781788 a fiber glass composition wherein SiO_2 ranges from 54 to 70 weight percent, Al_2O_3 ranges from 0 to 5 weight percent, monovalent oxides range from 4 to 15 weight percent, bivalent oxides range from 12 to 22 weight percent, B_2O_3 ranges from 1 to 10 weight percent, P_2O_5 ranges from 0 to 3 weight percent and some other chemical species are present in minor quantities.

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MAIN REQUEST - CLAIMS

1. A biologically-degradable or bio-soluble glass fiber composition, characterized in that it comprises the following components expressed in percent by weight:
- SiO_2 : 61 to 66;
 - Al_2O_3 : 1.1 to 1.8;
 - $(\text{CaO}+\text{MgO})$: higher than 9;
 - $(\text{Na}_2\text{O}+\text{K}_2\text{O})$: higher than 18;
 - 10 - B_2O_3 : 4 to 15;
 - P_2O_5 : 0 to 5;
 - SO_3 : 0 to 1;
 - Fe_2O_3 : 0 to 0.5;
 - Others: less than 2.
- 15 2. The composition as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that it comprises the following components expressed in percent by weight:
- SiO_2 : 61 to 66;
 - 20 - Al_2O_3 : 1.1 to 1.8;
 - CaO : 6 to 9;
 - MgO : 0 to 5;
 - $(\text{Na}_2\text{O}+\text{K}_2\text{O})$: higher than 18;
 - B_2O_3 : 4 to 15;
 - 25 - P_2O_5 : 0 to 5;
 - SO_3 : 0 to 1;
 - Fe_2O_3 : 0 to 0.5;
 - Others: less than 2.
- 30 3. The composition as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that it comprises the following components expressed in percent by weight:
- SiO_2 : 61 to 66;
 - Al_2O_3 : 1.1 to 1.8;
 - 35 - $(\text{CaO}+\text{MgO})$: higher than 9;
 - Na_2O : higher than 17.5, lower than or equal

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- to 23;
- K_2O : 0.6 to 2;
 - B_2O_3 : 4 to 15;
 - P_2O_5 : 0 to 5;
 - 5 - SO_3 : 0 to 1;
 - Fe_2O_3 : 0 to 0.5;
 - Others: less than 2.

4. The composition as claimed in anyone of the preceding
10 claims, characterized in that it comprises the following
components expressed in percent by weight:

- SiO_2 : 61 to 66;
- Al_2O_3 : 1.1 to 1.8;
- CaO : 6 to 9;
- 15 - MgO : 0 to 5;
- Na_2O : higher than 17.5, lower than or equal
to 23;
- K_2O : 0.6 to 2;
- B_2O_3 : 4 to 15;
- 20 - P_2O_5 : 0 to 5;
- SO_3 : 0 to 1;
- Fe_2O_3 : 0 to 0.5;
- Others: less than 2.

25 5. The composition as claimed in claim 4, characterized
in that it comprises the following components expressed
in percent by weight:

- SiO_2 : 61 to 66;
- Al_2O_3 : 1.1 to 1.8;
- 30 - $(CaO+MgO)$: higher than 9;
- Na_2O : 17.50 to 18.50;
- K_2O : 0.6 to 1;
- B_2O_3 : 5 to 15;
- P_2O_5 : 0 to 5;
- 35 - SO_3 : 0 to 1;
- Fe_2O_3 : 0 to 0.5;

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- Others: less than 2.

6. The composition as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that it comprises the following components expressed in percent by weight:

- SiO₂: 61 to 66;
- Al₂O₃: 1.1 to 1.25;
- (CaO+MgO): higher than 9;
- Na₂O: 17.50 to 18.50;
- 10 - K₂O: 0.6 to 1;
- (B₂O₃+P₂O₅): higher than 5;
- SO₃: 0 to 1;
- Fe₂O₃: 0 to 0.5;
- Others: less than 2.

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7. The composition as claimed in claim 6, characterized in that it comprises the following components expressed in percent by weight:

- SiO₂: 61 to 66;
- 20 - Al₂O₃: 1.1 to 1.25;
- (CaO+MgO): higher than 9;
- Na₂O: 17.50 to 18.50;
- K₂O: 0.6 to 1;
- B₂O₃: higher than 5;
- 25 - P₂O₅: 0 to less than 0.1;
- SO₃: 0 to 1;
- Fe₂O₃: 0 to 0.5;
- Others: less than 2.

30 8. The composition as claimed in claim 7, characterized in that it comprises the following components expressed in percent by weight:

- SiO₂: 61 to 66;
- Al₂O₃: 1.1 to 1.25;
- 35 - (CaO+MgO): higher than 9;
- Na₂O: 17.50 to 18.50;

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- K_2O : 0.6 to 1;
- B_2O_3 : higher than 5.5;
- P_2O_5 : 0 to less than 0.1;
- SO_3 : 0 to 1;
- 5 - Fe_2O_3 : 0 to 0.5;
- Others: less than 2.

9. The composition as claimed in claim 6, characterized in that it comprises the following components expressed
10 in percent by weight:

- SiO_2 : 61 to 66;
- Al_2O_3 : 1.1 to 1.25;
- $(CaO+MgO)$: higher than 9;
- Na_2O : 17.50 to 18.50;
- 15 - K_2O : 0.6 to 1;
- B_2O_3 : less than 5;
- P_2O_5 : 0.75 to 1.5;
- SO_3 : 0 to 1;
- Fe_2O_3 : 0 to 0.5;
- 20 - Others: less than 2.

10. The composition as claimed in claim 9, characterized in that it comprises the following components expressed in percent by weight:

- 25 - SiO_2 : 61 to 66;
- Al_2O_3 : 1.1 to 1.25;
- $(CaO+MgO)$: higher than 9;
- Na_2O : 17.50 to 18.50;
- K_2O : 0.6 to 1;
- 30 - B_2O_3 : less than 4.5;
- P_2O_5 : 0.75 to 1.5;
- SO_3 : 0 to 1;
- Fe_2O_3 : 0 to 0.5;
- Others: less than 2.

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11. The composition as claimed in claim 5, characterized

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in that it comprises the following components expressed in percent by weight:

- SiO₂: 61 to 66;
- Al₂O₃: 1.1 to 1.25;
- 5 - (CaO+MgO): higher than 9;
- Na₂O: 17.50 to 18.50;
- K₂O: 0.6 to 1;
- B₂O₃: 5 to 15;
- P₂O₅: 0 to 5;
- 10 - SO₃: 0.1 to 0,5;
- Fe₂O₃: 0 to 0.5;
- Others: less than 2.

12. The composition as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that it comprises the following components expressed in percent by weight:

- SiO₂: 61 to 66;
- Al₂O₃: 1.1 to 1.25;
- (CaO+MgO): higher than 9;
- 20 - Na₂O: 17.50 to 18.50;
- K₂O: 0.6 to 1;
- B₂O₃: 5 to 15;
- P₂O₅: 0 to 5;
- SO₃: 0 to 1;
- 25 - Fe₂O₃: 0.05 to 0.2;
- Others: less than 2.

13. The composition as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that it comprises the following components expressed in percent by weight:

- SiO₂: 61 to 66;
- Al₂O₃: 1.6 to 1.8;
- (CaO+MgO): higher than 9;
- MgO: higher than 3;
- 35 - MgO: preferably higher than 3.50;
- Na₂O: 17.50 to 18.50;

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- K_2O : 0.6 to 1.5;
- B_2O_3 : 5 to 15;
- P_2O_5 : less than 0.1;
- SO_3 : less than 0.35;
- 5 - Fe_2O_3 : higher than zero;
- Others: less than 2.

14. The composition as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that it comprises the following components expressed
10 in percent by weight:

- SiO_2 : 61 to 66;
- Al_2O_3 : 1.6 to 1.8;
- $(CaO+MgO)$: higher than 9;
- (Na_2O+K_2O) : higher than or equal to 18.5 and
15 lower than or equal to 23;
- K_2O : 0.6 to 1.5;
- B_2O_3 : 5 to 15;
- P_2O_5 : less than 0.1;
- SO_3 : 0.1 to 0.25;
- 20 - Fe_2O_3 : higher than 0;
- Others: less than 2.

15. The composition as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that it comprises the following components expressed
25 in percent by weight:

- SiO_2 : 61 to 66;
- Al_2O_3 : 1.6 to 1.8;
- $(CaO+MgO)$: higher than 9;
- MgO : higher than 3;
- 30 - MgO : preferably higher than 3.50;
- (Na_2O+K_2O) : higher than or equal to 18.5 and
lower than or equal to 23;
- K_2O : 0.6 to 1.5;
- B_2O_3 : 5 to 15;
- 35 - P_2O_5 : less than 0.1;
- SO_3 : 0.1 to 0.25;

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- Fe_2O_3 : higher than 0;
- Others: less than 2.

PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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NOTIFICATION OF THE RECORDING
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3. Further observations, if necessary:

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NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION

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Applicant LA GRECA, Marco et al	

1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

☒ in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on:

24 April 2001 (24.04.01)

☐ in a notice effecting later election filed with the International Bureau on:2. The election ☒ was☐ was not

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 21T015812W07	FOR FURTHER ACTION		see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.
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Applicant TECHINT COMPAGNIA TECNICA INTERNAZIONALE S.P.A.			

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 3 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

- b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing :

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2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

☐ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

☒ None of the figures.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No

PCT 00/00380

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 C03C13/00

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC 7 C03C

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)
EPO-Internal, WPI Data

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
E	EP 1 048 625 A (POLIGLAS SA) 2 November 2000 (2000-11-02) claims; examples C1,C6; table 1 ---	1,2
A	WO 98 43923 A (JOHNS MANVILLE INT INC) 8 October 1998 (1998-10-08) claims; examples ---	1-15
A	EP 0 588 251 A (SCHULLER INT INC) 23 March 1994 (1994-03-23) claims; examples --- -/--	1-15

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